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25X1 10. [] Art Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, said he was accompanying Senator Stuart Symington on a Far Eastern trip beginning about 15 December and wanted to make sure his (Kuhl's) clearances were in order. I assured him they were, but emphasized he was entitled to receive station briefings only and nothing concerning internal Agency matters.

25X1 11. [] Delivered to Mr. Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, a letter for Chairman Mahon from the Director dated 6 December concerning withdrawals from the Reserves. After a brief review of the purpose of the withdrawals, Mr. Preston noted that this letter relates to monies "that have already been spent."

Mr. Preston told me that the Appropriations Committee conferees are meeting this afternoon on the supplemental appropriation. The question of meeting of the appropriation conferees on the military appropriation bill is still up in the air. He said the Chairman plans to take the foreign aid appropriation bill to the floor of the House tomorrow under a rule waiving points of order. He noted that since the Chairman and principal Committee members will be on the floor there will be little time for any conference meetings. He told me also that no new continuing resolution is in the works to extend expenditure authority beyond the 8 December termination date of the present resolution. Mr. Preston told me there should be no difficulty with the Senate amendment to the supplemental which provides [] for RFE/RL.

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25X1 12. [] Met with Mr. Richard Barton, Staff Assistant, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that although the full Committee is scheduled to meet on 16 December, the meeting may well be cancelled in the interim due to a lack of quorum. He told me that the letter from Chairman Hebert concerning [] has been duplicated and will be placed at each Member's position the morning of the hearing. I thanked him for his consideration.

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25X1 13. [] Met with Al Westphal, Staff Consultant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told me that the conferees are stalemated on the foreign aid bill due to Senator Mansfield's (D., Mont.) position concerning the end-the-war amendment. He also told me that the House had appointed conferees on S. 18, the Radios bill, but that he saw no hope at this time of the conferees meeting on S. 18 prior to conclusion of the conference on the foreign aid bill.

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3. [] Discussed our problem with the Ervin bill (S. 1438) with Mr. Darrel St. Claire, Chief Clerk, Office of the Secretary of the Senate, who advised strongly against our trying to get the matter raised on the floor if we were unsuccessful in Committee. He said Senator Thurmond could probably get the matter reconsidered in the Judiciary Committee if he wished but warned that it would be hard to get anyone else to challenge Senator Ervin head-on in a matter in which Ervin is so deeply committed.

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4. [] Discussed the above problem with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, who said that probably Senator Stennis would be willing to call Senator Ervin in our behalf if pressed, but the Senator was so preoccupied with a number of urgent matters that he hoped we wouldn't call on him unless we thought it essential.

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5. [] Intercepted Senator Strom Thurmond on his way from his office to the floor and had a hurried conversation with him about the Ervin bill. He said we should put our case in writing and give it to Mr. Wyman of his staff the first of the week.

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6. [] Talked to Mr. Victor Smiroldo, Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and told him that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary has ordered S. 1438, the Ervin bill, reported. The bill hasn't been reported to the Senate as yet. I told him we had been in contact with the Committee staff and with the Chairman and other members of the Committee. We have been successful, we believe, in having the language in the Committee report deleted which stated, in effect, that the Committee amendments met with the approval of this Agency. This results from the fact that our Director's letter of 21 May 1971 may not have been considered when the bill came up before the Committee for consideration last month. It is Mr. Smiroldo's opinion that we are lucky if we have achieved an amendment to the report which would be favorable to our position. He said that in his years in dealing with these people, he has found them most difficult. He does not feel that we need go any farther with the Senate Committee unless we have other problems. He will bring Mr. Martiny, Chief Counsel of the Committee, up-to-date when he returns to the city on Monday.

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25X1 6. [] The status of S 1438, the Ervin Bill, was discussed with Miss Marcia MacNaughton, Staff Member of Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Miss MacNaughton stated that the bill had been voted on favorably without amendment in executive session by the Judiciary Committee but has not been reported out as the Committee report is still in draft. She stated the report would be the same as the report submitted to S 782, an identical bill, which was passed by the Senate in the previous Congress. I asked if the Director's letter of 21 May 1971 to Senator Ervin requesting a full exemption to S 1438 would be noted in the report since the report to S 782 contained a statement that the DCI accepted S 782 with the specific exemptions granted. Miss MacNaughton stated that the statement would be deleted; however, the Director's letter of 21 May would not specifically be mentioned. She expected the bill would be reported out within a few days and calendared for Senate vote. Miss MacNaughton was aware of the Agency's exemption and the President's broad authority to grant other exemptions in the House version. She felt the differences in House and Senate bills would be taken care of in conference. Mr. Richard Barton, Staff Assistant of Subcommittee on Employee Benefits, House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, was subsequently called, and he was aware of the status of S 1438. He felt that Senator Ervin will probably seek an early Senate vote and the bill will pass. The Hanley Bill (the House version of the Ervin Bill) will not be considered by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee until the early part of the next session.

25X1 7. [] Returned the transcript of the testimony of the Secretary of Defense before the House Committee on Armed Services on Tuesday, 16 November, concerning H. R. 8856, a bill to provide an additional Assistant Secretary of Defense, to Miss Kalinowski, of the Committee staff.

25X1 8. [] Met briefly with Mr. Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who told me that as of noon today he does not foresee any immediate action on S. 18, the Radios bill. At the earliest, he does not see any consideration for meeting of the conferees until after the completion of the conference meetings on the Foreign Aid bill. [] 25X1
[] CA Staff, has been advised.

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